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BRIEF HISTORY

OF THE

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CHURCH.

ABOUT ten years ago, the subject of establishing a new Baptist Church in Providence, somewhere in the eastern section of the city, began to engage the attention of a few Baptist friends. Soon efforts were made for the accomplishment of this object, under the direction more especially of the Rev. Horace T. Love, then a recently returned missionary from Greece. Union meetings were held by the First and Third Baptist Churches, at which the whole subject was prayerfully considered and fully discussed. In view of the facts thus elicited, and the special encouragement which the proposed field of labour presented, it was resolved to proceed with the work. Subscriptions amounting to upwards of fifteen thousand dollars were soon obtained. The refusal of a lot on which to erect a house of worship, on the corner of Power and Thayer streets, was secured. In January, 1845, an act was passed by the General Assembly, incorporating the subscribers under the name of The Power Street Baptist Society. Notwithstanding the progress thus made, the enterprise, for some cause never fully explained or generally understood, was finally abandoned.

On Thursday evening, September 13th, 1855, a meeting of some of the leading members of the First and Third Baptist Churches, including the two Pastors, was held at the

house of Mr. L. D. Anthony, No. 56 George street, for the purpose of having a free conference of views upon the expediency of making another attempt to establish a new church, and especially for the purpose of seeking by prayer and supplication the Divine guidance and blessing. The Rev. Dr. Granger was appointed Chairman of this meeting, and Geo. B. Jastram, Secretary. Prayer was offered by the Rev. J. B. Simmons, and the Rev. Dr. Wayland. Previous to this occasion, the Third Church had been agitating the subject, and in their annual letter to the Warren Association, just held at Newport, had stated in detail the reasons why, in their judgment, the enterprise should be commenced. These were, in brief, that there was a large part of the city lying between the First and Third Churches at present unoccupied by any religious denomination—that the Third Church could well spare a part of her members, there being now more than could work together to advantage—that their vestry especially was crowded, thus preventing the church from extending their Sabbath School operations as they otherwise might. These reasons were all duly considered and discussed. In addition it was strongly urged, as an incentive to a united and vigorous effort in the direction contemplated, that the Baptists of Providence had not, at least in the multiplying and improvement of their churches, kept pace with other denominations, for the last twenty-five years. The principal reason urged however, for immediate action, was, that the restoration of the Rev. Dr. Granger's health at this time, left the Rev. Mr. Richards, who had been supplying his pulpit for the past few months, at liberty to identify himself with a new interest, and that his services as the Pastor could probably be obtained, if sought at an early day. The agency of Mr. Richards, it was believed, would secure to this enterprise, the liberal subscriptions and hearty co-

operation of many, who without it, might take but little personal interest or responsibility in the matter. In view of all these considerations, it was again resolved to go on with the work. Meetings were accordingly held from time to time, of the proceedings of which full and complete records have been preserved. Subscriptions were rapidly obtained, until in a short time they amounted to nearly Twenty Five Thousand Dollars, a sum deemed sufficient, under the circumstances, to warrant the immediate formation of the Church.

On the 2d of November, 1855, a communication prepared by a committee consisting of Prof. S. S. Greene, R. A. Guild, Deacon S. G. Mason, and A. W. Godding, giving an outline of the origin and progress of the movement, and soliciting a generous coöperation and aid, was submitted to the First and Third Churches, together with a list of such members as desired letters of dismission for the purpose of connecting themselves with the new interest.

On Tuesday evening, November 13th, at a meeting held in the vestry of the Third Baptist meeting house, the new church was constituted, consisting of one hundred and eleven members, of whom fifty-nine came by letter from the First Church, forty-six from the Third, one from the South Church, one from the Church in West Sutton, Mass., two from the Church in Warren, and two from the Tabernacle Church in New York. After adopting Articles of Faith, and a Church Covenant, they voted unanimously to extend a cordial invitation to the Rev. William Carey Richards, of New York, to become their Pastor.

On Saturday afternoon, November 24th, an Ecclesiastical Council met in Armory Hall, on Benefit street, for the purpose of recognizing the new church, and of installing its Pastor elect. Delegates were present from the First, Pine Street, Third, Fourth, High Street, Friendship and Eighth

Baptist Churches, Providence, and the Central Church, Newport. After statements in regard to the history of the movement had been made, it was unanimously voted, "That the brethren and sisters who have united in calling this Council be, and hereby are recognized as a Baptist Church in good and regular standing." It was also subsequently voted by this Council, that the Recognition and Installation services be held in the First Baptist meeting house, on Sunday evening, November 23th, commencing at 7 o'clock. The following was the order of exercises upon this occasion.

1. Hymn and Reading the Scriptures, by the Rev. H. L. Wayland, of Worcester, Mass.
2. Prayer of Recognition and Installation, by the Rev. Dr. Granger.
3. Sermon, by the Rev. Dr. Sears, of Brown University.
4. Charge to the Church and Pastor, by the Rev. A. H. Stowell.
5. Hand of Fellowship to the Church and Pastor, by the Rev. S. W. Field.
6. Hymn and Concluding Prayer, by the Rev. Warren Randolph.
7. Benediction, by the Pastor.

On the following Sabbath, December 2d, the church held public religious services in Armory Hall, at the usual hours for Divine worship. These services have been continued in this Hall to the present time.

On the evening of March 31st, 1856, the subscribers met in Armory Hall, and increased their subscriptions to thirty thousand dollars, this sum being the amount required to be obtained on or before the first of April, in accordance with the conditions upon which the subscriptions were made. Owing to various causes, however, no progress was made by the Committee appointed to obtain a lot on which to erect a

house of worship, until towards the close of the year, when one was purchased on the corner of Waterman and Thayer streets. The church accordingly voted at its November meeting, to take the name of The Waterman Street Baptist Church. The Society also at a meeting held soon afterwards, voted to petition the General Assembly to change its name from The Thayer Street Baptist Society, by which it was incorporated at the June session, held in Newport, 1856, to that of The Waterman Street Baptist Society. Agreeably to this petition, an act was passed by the General Assembly, January 13th, 1857.

Such in brief is the history of the origin and progress thus far of a movement, which, it is earnestly hoped, may, ere long, result in the erection of a good and substantial house of worship, into which may be gathered in successive years, multitudes of those who shall fear and praise the Lord. In His name alone would we trust, and in His name set up our banners, for hitherto hath He helped us.

PROVIDENCE, Jan. 19th, 1857.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

I. OF THE SCRIPTURES.

WE believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction;¹ that it has God for its author, salvation for its end,² and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter;³ that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us;⁴ and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world, the true centre of Christian union,⁵ and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions should be tried.⁶

1. 2 Tim. iii. 16, 17. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. Also, 2 Pet. i. 21; 2 Sam. xxiii. 2; Acts i. 16; iii. 21; John x. 35; Luke xvi. 29—31; 1's. cxix. 111; Rom. iii. 1, 2.

2. 2 Tim. iii. 15. —the holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation. Also, 1 Pet. i. 10—12; Acts xi. 14. Rom. i. 16; Mark xvi. 16; John v. 31—39.

3. Prov. xxx. 5, 6. Every word of God is pure.—Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar. Also, John xvii. 17; Rev. xxii. 18, 19; Rom. iii. 4.

4. Rom. ii. 12. As many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law. John xii. 47, 48. If any man hear my words—the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. Also, 1 Cor. iv. 3, 4; Luke x. 10—16; xii. 47, 48.

5. Phil. iii. 16. Let us walk by the same rule; let us mind the same thing. Also, Ephes. iv. 3—6; Phil. ii. 1, 2; 1 Cor. i. 10; 1 Pet. iv. 11.

6. 1 John iv. 1. Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they be of God. Isa. vii. 20. To the law and to the testimony; f

they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them. 1 Thes. v. 21. Prove all things. 2 Cor. xiii. 5. Prove your own selves. Also, Acts xvii. 11; 1 John iv. 6; Jude 3d verse; Eph. vi. 17: Ps. cxix. 59, 60; Phil. i. 9—11.

II. OF THE TRUE GOD.

That there is one, and only one, true and living God, whose name is JEHOVAH, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of heaven and earth;¹ inexpressibly glorious in holiness;² worthy of all possible honour, confidence and love;³ revealed under the personal and relative distinctions of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:⁴ equal in every divine perfection,⁵ and excenting distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.⁶

1. Ps. lxxxiii. 13. Thou whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the Most High over all the earth. Heb. iii. 4; Rom. i. 20; Jer. x. 10.

2. Exod. xv. 11. Who is like unto Thee, glorious in holiness? Isa. vi. 3; 1 Pet. i. 15, 16; Rev. iv. 6—8.

3. Mark xii. 30. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. Rev. iv. 11. Thou art worthy, O, Lord, to receive glory, and honour, and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. Matt. x. 37; Jer. ii. 12, 13.

4. Matt. xxviii. 19. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. John xv. 26. When the Comforter is come, whom I will send you from the Father, even the Spirit of Truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me. 1 Cor. xii. 4—6; 1 John v. 7.

5. John x. 30. I and my Father are one. John v. 17; xiv. 23; Acts v. 3, 4; 1 Cor. iii. 10, 11.

6. Eph. ii. 18. For through Him, [the Son] we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. 2 Cor. ii. 14. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all. Rev. i. 4, 5.

III. OF THE FALL OF MAN.

That man was created in a state of holiness under the law of his Maker;¹ but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state;² in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners,³ not by constraint, but choice,⁴ being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, wholly given to the gratification of the world, of Satan, and of their own sinful

passions, and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin,⁵ without defence or excuse.⁶

1. Gen. i. 27. God created man in his own image. Gen. i. 31. And God saw every thing that he had made, and behold, it was very good. Eccl. vii. 29; Acts xvii. 20; Gen. ii. 16.

2. Gen. iii. 6—24. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise; she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat; and gave also unto her husband with her, and he did eat. — Therefore the Lord God -- drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden, Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life. Rom. v. 12.

3. Rom. v. 19. By one man's disobedience many were made sinners.— John iii. 6; Ps. li. 5; Rom. v. 15—19; viii. 7.

4. Isa. liii. 6. We have turned, every one to his own way. Gen. vi. 12; Rom. iii. 9—18.

5. Eph. ii. 1—3. Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past, in the lust of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. Rom. i. 18. For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness. Rom. i. 32; Gal. iii. 10; Matt. xxv. 41; Rev. xx. 15.

6. Ezek. xviii. 19, 20. Yet say ye, why? doth not the son bear the iniquities of the father? — The soul that sinneth it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him. Rom. i. 20. So that they are without excuse. Rom. iii. 19. That every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Gal. iii. 22.

IV. OF THE WAY OF SALVATION.

That the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace;¹ through the Mediatorial Offices of the Son of God;² who took upon him our nature, yet without sin;³ honoured the law by his personal obedience,⁴ and made atonement for our sins by his death;⁵ being risen from the dead, he is now enthroned in heaven;⁶ and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections, is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate, and an all-sufficient Saviour.⁷

1. Ephes. ii. 5. By grace ye are saved. Matt. xviii. 11; 1 John iv. 10; 1 Cor. iii. 5—7; Acts xv. 11.

2. John iii. 16. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John i. 1—14; Heb. iv. 14; xii. 24.

3. Phil. ii. 6, 7. Who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men. Heb. ii. 9; ii. 14; 2 Cor. viii. 9.

4. Isa. xlii. 21. The Lord is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; he will magnify the law, and make it honourable. Phil. ii. 8; Gal. iv. 4, 5; Rom. iii. 21.

5. Isa. liii. 4. He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. Matt. xx. 28; Rom. iv. 25; iii. 21—26; 1 John iv. 10; ii. 2; 1 Cor. xv. 1—3; Heb. ix. 13—15.

6. Heb. i. 8. Unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever. Heb. i. 3; viii. 3; Col. iii. 1—4.

7. Heb. vii. 25. Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. Col. ii. 9. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. Heb. ii. 18. In that he himself hath suffered, being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted. Heb. vii. 25; Ps. lxxxix. 19; Ps. xlv.

V. OF JUSTIFICATION.

That the great Gospel blessing which Christ of his fulness¹ bestows on such as believe in Him, is Justification;² that Justification consists in the pardon of sin³ and the promise of eternal life, on principles of righteousness;⁴ that it is bestowed not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done,⁵ but solely through His own redemption and righteousness;⁶ that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favour with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.

1. John i. 16. Of his fulness have we all received. Eph. iii. 8.

2. Acts xiii. 39. By him all that believe are justified from all things. Isa. liii. 11; Rom. viii. 1.

3. Rom. v. 9. Being justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. Zech. xiii. 1; Matt. ix. 6; Acts x. 43.

4. Rom. v. 17. They which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness, shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ. Tit. iii. 5, 6; 1 Pet. iii. 7; 1 John ii. 25; Rom. v. 21.

5. Rom. iv. 4, 5. Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace but of debt. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him

that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. Rom. v. 21; vi. 23; Phil. iii. 7—9.

6. Rom. v. 19. By the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. Rom. iii. 24—26; 1 John ii. 12.

7. Rom. v. 1, 2. Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ; by whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Rom. v. 3. We glory in tribulations also. Rom. v. 11. We also joy in God. 1 Cor. i. 30; Matt. vi. 33; 1 Tim. iv. 8.

VI. OF THE FREENESS OF SALVATION.

That the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel;¹ that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial and obedient faith;² and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth, except his own voluntary refusal to submit to the Lord Jesus Christ;³ which refusal will subject him to an aggravated condemnation.⁴

1. Rev. xxii. 17. Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. Isa. lv. 1; Luke xiv. 17.

2. Rom. xvi. 25, 26. The Gospel — according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith. Mark i. 15; Rom. i. 15, 17.

3. John v. 40. Ye will not come unto me, that ye might have life. Matt. xxiii. 37; Rom. ix. 32; Prov. i. 24; Acts xiii. 46.

4. John iii. 19. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. Matt. xi. 20; Luke xix. 27; 2 Thess. i. 8.

VII. OF GRACE IN REGENERATION.

That in order to be saved, we must be regenerated, or born again;¹ that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind;² and is effected in a manner above our comprehension or calculation,³ by the power of the Holy Spirit, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the Gospel;⁴ and that its proper evidence is found in the holy fruit which we bring forth to the glory of God.⁵

1. John iii. 2. Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. John iii. 7; Rev. xxi. 27.

2. 2 Cor. v. 20. If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature. Ezek. xxxvi. 26; Deut. xxx. 6; Rom. ii. 23, 29; v. 5; 1 John iv. 7.

3. John iii. 8. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth; so is every one that is born of the spirit. John i. 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. James i. 16—18; 1 Cor. i. 30; Phil. ii. 13.

4. 1 Pet. i. 22—25. Ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit. 1 John v. 1. Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God. Eph. iv. 20—24; Col. iii. 9—11.

5. Eph. v. 9. The fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, and righteousness and truth. Rom. viii. 9; Gal. v. 13—23; Eph. iii. 14—21.

VII. OF GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE.

That Election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which he regenerates, sanctifies, and saves sinners;¹ that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connexion with the end;² that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely wise, holy and unchangeable;³ that it utterly excludes boasting, and promotes humility, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of his free mercy;⁴ that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree;⁵ that it is ascertained by its effects in all who believe the gospel;⁶ is the foundation of Christian assurance;⁷ and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves, demands and deserves our utmost diligence.⁸

1. 2 Tim. i. 8, 9. Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner; but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the Gospel, according to the power of God; who hath saved us and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began. Eph. i. 3—14; 1 Pet. i. 1, 2; Rom. xi. 5, 6; John xv. 16; 1 John iv. 19; Hos. xii. 9.

2. 2 Thes. ii. 13, 14. But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren, beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you unto salvation, through sanctification of the Spirit, and belief of the truth; whereunto he also called you by our Gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Acts xiii. 48; John x. 16; Matt. xx. 16; Acts xv. 14.

3. Exod. xxxiii. 18, 19. And Moses said, I beseech thee, show me thy glory. And he said, I will cause all my goodness to pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.

Matt. xx. 15. Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with my own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good? Eph. i. 11; Rom. ix. 23, 24; Jer. xxxi. 3; Rom. xi. 23, 29; Jas. i. 17. 18; 2 Tim. ii. 9; Rom. xi. 32—26.

4. 1 Cor. iv. 7. For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? Now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory as if thou hadst not received it? 1 Cor. i. 29—31; Rom. iii. 27; iv. 16; Col. iii. 12; 1 Cor. iii. 5—7; xv. 10; 1 Pet. v. 10; Acts i. 24; 1 Thess. ii. 13; 1 Pet. ii. 9; Luke xviii. 7; John xv. 16; Ephes. ii. 19; 1 Thess. ii. 12.

5. 2 Tim. ii. 10. Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sake, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. 1 Cor. ix. 22. I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. Rom. viii. 28—29; John vi. 37—40; 2 Pet. i. 10.

6. 1 Thess. i. 4—10. Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God: for our Gospel came unto you, not in word only, but also in power, &c.

7. Rom. viii. 23—30. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called, and whom he called, them he also justified, and whom he justified them he also glorified. What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? Isa. xlii. 16; Rom. xi. 29.

8. 2 Pet. i. 10. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things ye shall never fall: for so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Phil. iii. 12; Heb. vi. 11.

IX. OF THE PERSEVERANCE OF SAINTS.

That such only are real believers as endure unto the end;¹ that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from mere professors;² that a special providence watches over their welfare;³ and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.⁴

1. John viii. 31. Then said Jesus — If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed. 1 John ii. 27, 28; iii. 9. v. 18.

2. 1 John ii. 19. They went out from us, but they were not of us: for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out that it might be made manifest that they were not all of us. John xiii. 18; Matt. xiii. 20, 21; John vi. 65—9.

3. Rom. viii. 28. And we know that all things work together for good unto them that love God, to them that are the called according to his purpose. Matt. vi. 30—33; Jer. xxxii. 40; Ps. cxxi. 3; cxi. 11, 12.

4. Phil. i. 6. He who hath begun a good work in you, will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. ii. 12, 13; Jude 24, 25; 2 Kings vi. 16; Heb. i. 14; xiii. 5; 1 John iv. 4; John x. 27—30; xi. 25, 26.

X. HARMONY OF THE LAW AND GOSPEL.

That the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of his moral government;¹ that it is holy, just and good;² and that the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfil its precepts, arises entirely from their love of sin;³ to deliver them from which, and to restore them through a Mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy law, is one great end of the Gospel, and of the means of grace connected with the establishment of the visible church.⁴

1. Rom. iii. 21. Do we make void the law through faith? God forbid. Yea, we establish the law. Matt. v. 17: Luke xvi. 17: Rom. iii. 20: iv. 15.

2. Rom. vii. 12. The law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good. Rom. vii. 7, 14, 22: Gal. iii. 21: Ps. cxix.

3. Rom. viii. 7, 8. The carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. Josh. xxiv. 19: Jer. xiii. 28: John vi. 44: v. 44.

4. Rom. viii. 2—4. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. Rom. x. 4: 1 Tim. i. 5: Heb. viii. 10: Jude 20, 21: Heb. xii. 14.

XI. OF A GOSPEL CHURCH.

That a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers,¹ associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel;² observing the ordinances of Christ;³ governed by his laws;⁴ and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by his word;⁵ that its only proper officers are Bishops or Pastors, and Deacons,⁶ whose qualifications, claims, and duties are defined in the Epistles to Timothy and Titus.

1. 1 Cor. i. 1—13. Paul — unto the church of God which is at Corinth. — Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were ye baptized in the name of Paul? Matt. xviii. 17: Acts v. 11: viii. 1: xi. 26: 1 Cor. iv 17: xiv. 23: 3 John 9: 1 Tim. iii. 5.

2. Acts ii. 41, 42. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added to them about three thousand souls. 2 Cor. viii. 5: They first gave their own selves to the Lord, and then unto us by the will of God. Acts ii. 47: 1 Cor. v. 12, 13.

3. 1 Cor. xi. 2. Now I praise you brethren that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances as I delivered them unto you. 2 Thess. iii. 6: Rom. xvi. 17—20: 1 Cor. xi. 23: Matt. xviii. 15—20: 1 Cor. 5, 6: 2 Cor. 2 and 7: 1 Cor. iv. 17.

4. Matt. xxviii. 20. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. John xiv. 15: xv. 12: 1 John iv. 21: John xiv. 21: 1 Thess. iv. 2: 2 John 6: Gal. vi. 2: all the Epistles.

5. Eph. iv. 7. Unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. 1 Cor. xiv. 12. Seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church. Phil. i. 2. That I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind, striving together for the faith of the Gospel.

6. Phil. i. 1. With the Bishops and Deacons. Acts xiv. 23: xv. 22: 1 Tim. iii: Titus i.

XII. OF BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER.

That Christian Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water;¹ in the name of the Father, Son, and Spirit;² to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in a crucified, buried and risen Saviour, with its purifying power;³ that it is pre-requisite to the privileges of a church relation; and to the Lord's Supper,⁴ in which the members of the church, by the use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ;⁵ preceded always by solemn self-examination.⁶

1. Acts viii. 36—39. And the eunuch said, See, here is water: what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And they went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. Matt. iii. 5, 6: John iii. 22, 23: iv. 1, 2: Matt. xxviii. 19: Mark xvi. 16: Acts ii. 38: viii. 12: xvi. 32—34: xviii. 8.

2. Matt. xxviii. 19. Baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Acts x. 47, 48: Gal. iii. 27, 28.

3. Rom. vi. 1—11. Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also, should walk in newness of life. Col. ii. 12: 1 Pet. iii. 20, 21: Acts xxii. 16.

4. Acts ii. 41, 42. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized, and there were added to them, the same day, about three thousand souls. And they continued steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread and in prayers. Matt. xxviii. 19, 20: Acts, and Epistles.

5. 1 Cor. xi. 23. As often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come. Matt. xxvi. 26—29: Mark xiv. 22—25: Luke xxii. 14—21.

6. 1 Cor. xi. 23. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. 1 Cor. v. 7, 8: x. 3—32: xi. 1,—12: John vi. 23—, 1.

XIII. OF THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.

That the first day of the week is the Lord's day, or Christian Sabbath;¹ and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes;² by abstaining from all secular labour and recreations;³ by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both private⁴ and public;⁵ and by preparation for that rest⁶ which remaineth for the people of God.

1. Acts xx. 7. On the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached to them. Gen. ii. 3; Col. ii. 15, 17; Mark ii. 27; John xx. 19; 1 Cor. xvi. 1, 2.

2. Exod. xx. 8. Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Rev. i. 10. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day. Ps. cxviii. 24. This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

3. Isa. lviii. 13, 14. If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable; and shall honour Him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord: and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob. Isa. lvi. 2—8.

4. Ps. cxviii. 15. The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous.

5. Heb. x. 24, 25. Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is. Acts xi. 26. A whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. Acts xiii. 44. The next Sabbath day came almost the whole city together, to hear the word of God. Lev. xix. 30; Ezek. xlvi. 3; Luke iv. 16; Acts xvii. 2, 3; Psalms xxvi. 8; lxxxvii. 2.

6. Heb. iv. 3—11. Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest.

XIV. OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

That civil government is of divine appointment, for the interests and good order of human society;¹ and that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honoured, and obeyed,² except in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ,³ who is the only Lord of the conscience, and the Prince of the kings of the earth.⁴

1. Rom. xiii. 1-7. The powers that be are ordained of God. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Deut. xvi. 18; 2 Sam. xxiii. 3; Exod. xviii. 22; Jer. xxx. 21.

2. Matt. xxii. 21. Render therefore unto Cesar the things that are Cesar's, and unto God the things that are God's. Tit. iii. 1; 1 Pet. ii. 13; 1 Tim. ii. 1-8.

3. Acts v. 29. We ought to obey God rather than man. Matt. x. 28. Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul. Daniel iii. 15-18; vi. 7-10; Acts iv. 18-20.

4. Matt. xxiii. 10. Ye have one Master, even Christ. Rom. xiv. 4. Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? Rev. xix. 16. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. Ps. lxxii. 11; ii.; Rom. xiv. 9-12.

XV. OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED.

That there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked;¹ that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the Spirit of our God, are truly righteous in his esteem;² while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in his sight wicked, and under the curse;³ and this distinction holds among men both in and after death.⁴

1. Mal. iii. 18. Ye shall discern between the righteous and the wicked: between him that serveth God, and him that serveth him not. Isa. v. 20; Gen. xviii. 23; Jer. xv. 19; Acts x. 34, 35; Rom. vi. 16.

2. Rom. i. 17. The just shall live by faith. Rom. vi. 13. We are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held, that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter. 1 John ii. 29. If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him. 1 John iii. 7; Rom. vi. 18, 22; 1 Cor. xi. 32; 1 Prov. xi. 31; 1 Pet. iv. 17, 18.

3. 1 John v. 18. And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. Gal. iii. 10. As many as are of the works of the law are under the curse. John iii. 33; Isa. lvii. 21; Ps. x. 4; Isa. lv. 6, 7.

4. 1 Prov. xiv. 32. The wicked is driven away in his wickedness, but the righteous hath hope in his death. See also the example of the rich man and Lazarus. Luke xvi. 25. Thou in thy lifetime receivest thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. John viii. 21-24; 1 Prov. x. 24; Luke xii. 4, 5; ix. 23-26; Eccl. iii. 17; Matt. vii. 13, 14.

XVI. OF THE WORLD TO COME.

That the end of this world is approaching;¹ that at the last day, Christ will descend from heaven,² and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution;³ that a solemn separation will then take place;⁴ that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy;⁵ and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.⁶

1. 1 Pet. iv. 7. But the end of all things is at hand; be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. 1 Cor. vii. 29—31; Heb. i. 10—12. Matt. xxiv. 85; 1 John ii. 17; Matt. xxviii. 20; xiii. 39, 40; 2 Pet. iii. 3—13.

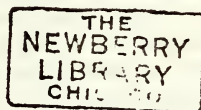
2. Acts i. 11. This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. Rev. i. 7; Heb. ix. 23; Acts iii. 21; 1 Thess. iv. 13—14; v. 1—11.

3. Acts xxiv. 15. There shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust. 1 Cor. xv. 12—55; Luke xiv. 14; Dan. xii. 2; John v. 28, 29; vi. 40; xi. 25, 26; 2 Tim. i. 10; Acts x. 42.

4. Matt. xiii. 49. The angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just. Matt. xiii. 37—43; xxiv. 30, 31; xxv. 27—33.

5. Matt. xxv. 35—41. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal. Rev. xxii. 11. He that is unjust, let him be unjust still; and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still; and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still; and he that is holy let him be holy still. 1 Cor. vi. 9, 10; Mark ix. 43—45; 2 Pet. ii. 9, 10; Jude 7; Phil. iii. 13; Rom. vi. 22; 2 Cor. v. 10, 11; John iv. 39; 2 Cor. iv. 18.

6. Rom. iii. 5, 6. Is God unrighteous who taketh vengeance? (I speak as a man.) God forbid; for how then shall God judge the world? 2 Thess. i. 6—12. Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them who trouble you, and to you, who are troubled, rest with us — when he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe. Heb. vi. 1, 2; 1 Cor. iv. 5; Acts xvii. 31; Rom. ii. 2—16; Rev. xx. 11, 12; 1 John ii. 8; iv. 17.



COVENANT.

As a band of believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, voluntarily associated in Church fellowship for our own good and His glory, we do solemnly covenant with each other to walk together in brotherly love, and in obedience to the pure precepts of the Gospel.

In the strength of divine grace we therefore promise—

That we will earnestly seek to promote the growth of each other, and of the whole body, in every christian grace.

That to this end we will constantly uphold and unite in the public worship of God, and the ordinances of His house, and that we will cheerfully contribute of our means for the relief of the poor, for the maintenance of a faithful ministry in the midst of us, and for the general diffusion of the blessings of the Gospel of Christ.

That we will not omit closet and family worship at home, nor neglect to train up our children for the service of God, here and hereafter.

That we will seek Divine aid to walk circumspectly in the eyes of the world, that we may by our example—as well as by our teachings—win souls to Christ.

That we will exhort, and, upon occasion, admonish one another according to the rule prescribed in the gospel of Matthew, (Chap. 18 :) and always remembering that our baptism into the likeness of Christ's death was typical of our deadness to the world and sin; and our rising from the water the figure of our new life in Christ, we will faithfully endeavour, as we received the Lord Jesus Christ, so to walk in Him.

And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly unto Himself for His Son's sake.—AMEN.

RULES OF ORDER.

SECTION I.

MEETINGS FOR BUSINESS.

ARTICLE I.—The regular meeting for business shall be held on the evening of the Thursday preceding the last Sunday in each month.

ART. II.—In the absence of the Pastor, who is moderator, *ex-officio*, the meeting shall be called to order by the clerk, and a moderator, *pro tempore*, shall be chosen.

ART. III.—The following shall be the order of business at every regular meeting:

1. Devotional exercises.
2. Reception of candidates.
3. Reading the minutes of the last meeting.
4. Unfinished business.
5. Report of the Advisory Committee.
6. Reports of Special Committees.
7. New business.
8. Closing devotional exercises.

ART. IV.—The ordinary rules of deliberative assemblies shall be observed in the transaction of business.

SECTION II.

ADMISSION AND DISMISSION OF MEMBERS.

ARTICLE I.—Candidates for admission by baptism shall be introduced to the Advisory Committee by the Pastor or Chairman, and if the Committee obtain satisfactory evidence of conversion,

and of christian walk and conversation, they shall recommend that the candidate be invited to relate his or her christian experience to the church at the next regular meeting.

ART. II.—The candidate thus recommended shall relate his or her christian experience as fully as possible, and any member of the church may question the candidate on points of faith.

ART. III.—Candidates for admission by letter shall make application to the Advisory Committee, who having ascertained their letters to be satisfactory, shall recommend to the church to receive them at the same meeting.

ART. IV.—Members in full fellowship are entitled to letters of dismission to any regular Baptist Church, provided they can be within its care and oversight. Application for such letters may be made through the Advisory Committee, or directly to the Church. They shall be valid for six months, and if not used within the period of their validity, shall be null and void, and the persons receiving them shall be regarded as still members of this church.

SECTION III.

DISCIPLINE.

ART. I.—If a grievance exist between members, either of the aggrieved parties may bring the matter to the notice of the Advisory Committee, only after an unsuccessful employment of the means of reconciliation presented in the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 18, verses 15 and 16.

ART. II. It shall be the duty of the Committee to give the case a careful and impartial hearing, and to endeavour, if possible, to remove the cause of complaint without bringing it before the church.

ART. III.—If this be impossible, they shall report the case to the church, stating such facts as shall be needful for its action.

ART. IV.—When a member of the church is accused of any immorality, for which he would be liable to public censure or exclusion, it shall be the duty of the Committee immediately to give notice of such accusation to the person accused, and to enter at once upon the investigation of the case.

ART. V.—If the investigation shall result in favour of the accused,—or if the person offending remove the cause of grief, and the case does not require public notice, the Committee shall make no report of it to the church.

ART. VI.—If the case be one in which the person accused would be liable to public censure or exclusion, it shall be the duty of the Committee: 1st. To give notice to the accused of the charge. 2d. To assign the time for the hearing, at which the accused person shall be invited to be present, and shall be at liberty to bring with him as many witnesses as he shall think proper. 3d. After hearing all the evidence, and all the explanations that may be offered, the Committee shall report the case to the church, stating such facts as shall be needful for its action.

SECTION IV. ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

ART. I.—The Advisory Committee shall consist of nine persons, including the Pastor and Deacons, to meet statedly on the Monday evening preceding the regular monthly meeting of the church, and generally at the call of the Pastor.

ART. II.—The Advisory Committee shall appoint its own clerk, who shall keep a record of all its proceedings, accessible to any member of the church.

ART. III.—No application for pecuniary aid for the purposes of benevolence, shall come before the church until it has been examined and sanctioned by the Advisory Committee.

SECTION V. SPECIAL ANNUAL COMMITTEES.

ART. I.—There shall be a Committee on the Sunday School, to consist of three, the Superintendent being chairman, *ex officio*, to whom shall be entrusted the entire management of the school.

ART. II.—There shall also be a Committee on public worship, consisting of five persons, who shall have general charge of the house and singing, and shall direct the sexton in the discharge of his duties.

ART. III.—An Auditing Committee of two shall examine the annual Report of the Treasurer.

SECTION VI.

ANNUAL MEETINGS.

ART. I.—The annual meeting of the church shall be held in connection with the monthly meeting in October.

ART. II.—At this meeting the Clerk and Treasurer of the church, and Superintendent of the Sunday School, shall be elected by ballot, and the Advisory Committee, together with the Special Annual Committees shall be chosen upon nomination.

ART. III.—The Treasurer, whose duty it shall be to receive the funds of the church, to pay all bills which are ordered by the Advisory Committee, and also the order of either of the Deacons for the relief of the poor, shall present his report of receipts and expenditures, duly audited, at this meeting.

SECTION VII.

AMENDMENTS.

These Rules may be amended at any regular meeting, provided the proposed amendment has been offered, in writing, a month previous, and a vote of two-thirds of the members present shall be required to carry an amendment.

ORIGINAL MEMBERS.

FROM THE FIRST CHURCH.

Lorenzo D. Anthony,	Martha J. Guild,
Mrs. Mary S. Anthony,	George W. Guild,
Mary E. Anthony,	George Hail,
John F. Babson,	Mrs. Mary A. Hail,
Mrs. Sophia E. Babson,	Elizabeth G. Hail,
Adelaide V. Ballou,	Caroline F. Hail,
Cornelia E. Benedict,	Phebe Jackson,
Maria M. Benedict,	George B. Jastram,
Martha B. Bucklin,	Mrs Abby M. Jastram,
(since Grant.)	John F. Jolls,
Harriet L. Bucklin,	Mrs. Julia A. Jolls,
Rhodes B. Chapman,	Jennie H. Jolls,
(Dismissed Jan. 3, 1856.)	Merrick Lyon, (Deacon.)
Mrs. Avis W. Chapman,	Mrs. Caroline B. Lyon,
(Dismissed Jan. 3, 1856.)	Emory Lyon,
Henrie Crandall,	Mrs. Susan N. Lyon,
Mrs. J. Sophronia Crandall,	Frederick Miller,
Mrs. Maria W. Dunham, (W.)	Mrs. Abby M. Miller,
Deborah Dunham,	Mrs. Eliza R. Nightingale, (W.)
Catharine P. Dunham,	Eleanor F. Rogers,
Frederic E. Fish,	Henrietta A. Simmons,
Albert A. Gamwell,	Charles E. Tillinghast,
Mrs. Susan H. Gamwell,	Mrs. Rebecca Tillinghast,
Mary E. Gibbs,	Charles A. Smith,
George E. Grant,	Mrs. Eliza S. Smith,
Mrs. Cornelia E. Green, (W.)	Elisha C. Wells,
Samuel S. Greene,	Mrs. Harriet A. Wells,
Mrs. Mary A. Greene,	Mary E. Wells,
Mary H. Greene,	Emeline B. Whipple,
Reuben A. Guild,	Candace G. Wilcox,
Mrs. Jane C. Guild.	Mrs. Frances H. Young.

FROM THE THIRD CHURCH.

Mrs. Asenath Angell, (W.)	Mrs. Julia A. B. Ormsbee,
Joshua Bicknell,	John Henry Ormsbee,
Mrs. Esther P. Bicknell,	John J. Paine,
Mrs. Anna C. Carpenter, (W.)	Mrs. Mary C. Paine,
(Dismissed July 2, 1856.)	Stephen A. Potter,
Aurora Carpenter,	Thomas A. Richardson,
Benjamin T. Cranston, Jr.,	Mrs. Mary T. Richardson,
Mrs. Cornelia A. Cranston,	Henry Richardson,
Benjamin Davis,	Mrs. Abby A. Sabin, (<i>since</i>
Mrs. Catherine Davis,	Coggeshall.)
Catherine F. Davis, (<i>since</i> Shedd,	Mrs. Abby B. Sabin,
Dismissed Oct. 1, 1856.)	Wm. H. Shedd,
Susan H. Davis,	(Dismissed Oct. 1, 1856.)
Daniel B. Davis,	Menzies Sweet,
Mrs. Melissa B. Greene,	Mrs. Sarah Sweet,
George W. Hall,	Wm. H. Sweet,
Mrs. Emily A. Hall,	Mrs. Leah M. Sweet,
John S. Hammond,	John C. Sweet,
Mrs. Mary A. Hammond,	Mrs. Emma A. Sweet,
Eliza M. Hammond,	Charles J. Sweet,
George W. Hopkins,	William J. Tilley,
Mrs. Maria Hopkins,	(Excluded Oct. 30, 1856.)
Nathan Mason, (Deacon.)	Mrs. Jane Tilley,
Mrs. Emeline Mason,	(Excluded Oct. 30, 1856.)
Alfred Mason,	Walter Wilson,
Josiah H. Ormsbee,	Mrs. Elizabeth C. Wilson.

FROM SOUTH CHURCH.

Isaac S. Turner.

FROM THE WARREN CHURCH.

Rev. Samuel Richards, Mrs. Maria T. Richards.

FROM THE CHURCH AT WEST SUTTON, MASS.

Mrs. Martha P. Earle. (W.)

FROM THE TABERNACLE CHURCH, NEW-YORK.

Rev. Wm. C. Richards, Mrs. Cornelia H. Richards.

A D D I T I O N A L M E M B E R S .

R E C E I V E D B Y B A P T I S M .

Adaline F. Fish,	Dec. 6, 1855.
Caroline S. Fish,	Dec. 6, 1855.
Harriette Atherton, (<i>since</i> Beckford,)	June 1, 1856.
Wm. H. H. Janney,	" " "
Fanny M. Green,	Sept. 28, 1856.
Julia Earle,	" " "

R E C E I V E D B Y L E T T E R .

Mrs. Anna C. Hall,	from Third Church,	Dec. 6, 1855.
Mrs. Harriet Mansir,	" " "	" " "
Rev. Francis Wayland,	First Church,	Jan. 3, 1856.
Mrs. Hepsey S. H. Wayland,	" " "	" " "
Allen Tillinghast,	Third " "	" " "
Mrs. Emily H. Tillinghast,	" " "	" " "
Joel Marble,	Pearl st. Ch., Albany,	Jan. 31, 1856.
Mrs. Nancy C. Marble,	" " "	" " "
Manton M. Marble,	" " "	" " "
Susan N. Marble,	" " "	" " "
Susan Grew,	Fifth Church, Phila.,	" " "
Daniel G. Otis,	Third Churh,	" " "
Benjamin D. Sabin,	" " "	" " "
Mrs. Abby F. Sabin,	" " "	" " "
Mrs. Anstress Whittemore,	2d Ch., Fall River, Ms.	" " "
Maria C. Whittemore,	" " "	" " "
Charles H. Brown,	Germantown, Pa.,	Feb. 28, 1856.

A. W. Godding,	Third Church,	April 3, 1856.
Mrs. Mary J. Godding,	" "	" " "
Mrs. Henrietta Rhodes,	" "	" " "
Mrs. Almira Sweet,	" "	" " "
Mary J. Sweet,	" "	" " "
Mrs. Phebe A. Waldron,	" "	" " "
David B. Warren,	First Church, Pawtucket,	May 1, 1856.
Mrs. Clarissa H. Warren,	" " "	" " "
Ruth S. Warren,	" " "	" " "
E. Julian Warren,	" " "	" " "
Everett P. Wilcox,	First Church,	" " "
Juliet L. Wilcox,	" "	" " "
Mary Salisbury,	" "	" " "
Timothy Newell,	Sturbridge, Mass.,	May 29, 1856.
Mrs. Mary J. Burt,	First Church,	Oct. 30, 1856.
Fanny Burdick,	" "	" " "
Wm. M. Ledwith,	Second Ch., Suffield, Conn.,	Dec. 4, 1856.

Installed November 25, 1855.

NATHAN MASON,	} Elected January 15, 1856.	{ Previously ordained.
MERRICK LYON,		

Elected November 7, 1856.

GEORGE HAIL,	J. F. JOLLS,
A. W. GODDING,	A. A. GAMWELL,
Rev. SAMUEL RICHARDS.	C. E. TILLINGHAST.

EMORY LYON.

GEORGE B. JASTRAM.

REUBEN A. GUILD.

S. S. GREENE, L. D. ANTHONY, F. E. FISH.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORSHIP.
FREDERICK MILLER, G. B. JASTRAM,
T. A. RICHARDSON, B. T. CRANSTON, JR.,
HENRIE CRANDALL,

HENRIE CRANDALL, EMORY LYON.

ALPHABETICAL DIRECTORY OF MEMBERS.

Angleil, Mrs. Asenath (W.)	72 John street.
Anthony, Lorenzo D.	56 George street.
Anthony, Mrs. Mary S.	56 George street.
Anthony, Mary E.	56 George street.
Babson, John F.	252 North Main street.
Babson, Mrs. Sophia E.	252 North Main street.
Ballou, Adelaide V.	55 Charles street.
Benediet, Cornelia E.	1 George street.
Benediet, Maria M.	1 George street.
Beckford, Mrs. Harriette	48 Union street.
Bicknell, Joshua	3 Thomas street.
Bicknell, Mrs. Esther P.	3 Thomas street.
Brown, Charles H.	60 Williams street.
Bucklin, Harriet L.	10 Arnold street.
Burdick, Fanny	8 Olney street.
Burt, Mrs. Mary J.	8 Olney street.
Carpenter, Aurora	Wrentham, Mass.
Coggeshall, Mrs. Abby A.	87 John street.
Crandall, Henrie	11 Fountain street.
Crandall, Mrs. J. Sophronia	11 Fountain street.
Cranston, Benj. T. Jr.	Hospital street.
Cranston, Mrs. Cornelia A.	Hospital street.
Davis, Benjamin	163 South Main street.
Davis, Mrs. Catherine	163 South Main street.
Davis, Susan H.	163 South Main street.
Davis, Daniel B.	96 Transit street.
Dunham, Mrs. Maria W. (W.)	52 Meeting street.

Dunham, Deborah	52 Meeting street.
Dunham, Catharine P.	52 Meeting street.
Earle, Mrs. Martha P. (W.)	Mansion House, Benefit st.
Earle, Julia	180 South Main street.
Fish, Frederick E.	Pratt, head of Halsey street.
Fish, Adaline F.	49 Congdon street.
Fish, Caroline S.	49 Congdon street.
Gamwell, Albert A.	Cypress, near Camp street.
Gamwell, Mrs. Susan H.	Cypress, near Camp street.
Gibbs, Mary E.	32 Congdon street.
Godding, A. W.	18 Arnold street.
Godding, Mrs. Mary J.	18 Arnold street.
Grant, George E.	10 Arnold street.
Grant, Mrs. Martha B.	10 Arnold street.
Green, Mrs. Cornelia E. (W.)	14 John street.
Green, Fanny M.	14 John street.
Greene, Samuel S.	106 Angell street.
Greene, Mrs. Mary A.	106 Angell street.
Greene, Mary H.	106 Angell street.
Greene, Mrs. Melissa B.	Pitman street.
Grew, Susan	66 Benefit street.
Guild, Reuben A.	Pratt, head of Halsey street.
Guild, Mrs. Jane C.	Pratt, head of Halsey street.
Guild, Martha J.	Pratt, head of Halsey street.
Guild, George W.	336 Benefit street.
Hail, George	33 Congdon street.
Hail, Mrs. Mary A.	33 Congdon street.
Hail, Elizabeth G.	32 Congdon street.
Hail, Caroline F.	32 Congdon street.
Hall, George W.	114 Hope street.
Hall, Mrs. Emily A.	114 Hope street.
Hall, Mrs. Anna C.	68 Washington street.
Hammond, John S.	126 Friendship street.
Hammond, Mrs. Mary A.	126 Friendship street.
Hammond, Eliza M.	126 Friendship street.
Hopkins, George W.	72 John street.
Hopkins, Mrs. Maria	72 John street.

Jackson, Phebe	23 President street.
Janney, William H. H.	Brown University.
Jastram, George B.	18 Transit street.
Jastram, Mrs. Abby M.	18 Transit street.
Jolls, John F.	68 George street.
Jolls, Mrs. Julia A.	68 George street.
Jolls, Jennie H.	68 George street.
Ledwith, William M.	Brown University.
Lyon, Merrick	110 Power street.
Lyon, Mrs. Caroline B.	110 Power street.
Lyon, Emory	110 Power street.
Lyon, Mrs. Susan N.	110 Power street.
Mansir, Mrs. Harriet	George, near Governor st.
Marble, Joel	Seekonk, Mass.
Marble, Mrs. Nancy C.	Seekonk, Mass.
Marble, Susan N.	Seekonk, Mass.
Marble, Manton M.	Boston, Mass.
Mason, Nathan	33 Arnold street.
Mason, Mrs. Emline	33 Arnold street.
Mason, Alfred	55 South Main street.
Miller, Frederick	13 Star street.
Miller, Mrs. Abby M.	13 Star street.
Newell, Timothy	119 Benefit street.
Nightingale, Mrs. Eliza R. (W.)	9 George street.
Ormsbee, Josiah H.	44 Benevolent street.
Ormsbee, Mrs. Julia A. B.	44 Benevolent street.
Ormsbee, John Henry	44 Benevolent street.
Otis, Daniel G.	Mansion House, Benefit st.
Paine, John J.	65 Arnold street.
Paine, Mrs. Mary C.	65 Arnold street.
Potter, Stephen A.	24 Fulton street.
Rhodes, Mrs. Henrietta	310 Benefit street.
Richards, William C.	60 Williams street.
Richards, Mrs. Cornelia H. B.	60 Williams street.
Richards, Samuel	332 Benefit street.

Richards, Mrs. Maria T.	332 Benefit street.
Richardson, Thomas A.	9 John street.
Richardson, Mrs. Mary T.	9 John street.
Richardson, Henry	78 John street.
Rogers, Eleanor F.	206 Benefit street.
Sabin, Benjamin D.	86 Power street.
Sabin, Mrs. Abby F.	86 Power street.
Sabin, Mrs. Abby B.	183 South Main street.
Salisbury, Mary	15 Bowen street.
Simmons, Henrietta A.	10 Conduit street.
Smith, Charles A.	180 North Main street.
Smith, Mrs. Eliza S.	180 North Main street.
Sweet, Menzies	20 John street.
Sweet, Mrs. Sarah	20 John street.
Sweet, Charles J.	20 John street.
Sweet, Mary J.	20 John street.
Sweet, William H.	28½ South Main street.
Sweet, Mrs. Leah M.	28½ South Main street.
Sweet, John C.	34 Arnold street.
Sweet, Mrs. Emma A.	34 Arnold street.
Sweet, Mrs. Almira	34 Arnold street.
Tillinghast, Allen	32 Arnold street.
Tillinghast, Mrs. Emily H.	32 Arnold street.
Tillinghast, Charles E.	54 Power street.
Tillinghast, Mrs. Rebecca	54 Power street.
Turner, Isaac S.	Corn. Tremont & Charles sts.
Waldron, Mrs. Phebe A.	20 John street.
Warren, David B.	9 Hopkins street.
Warren, Mrs. Clarissa H.	9 Hopkins street.
Warren, Ruth S.	9 Hopkins street.
Warren, E. Julian	9 Hopkins street.
Wayland, Francis	Angell, corner Governor st.
Wayland, Mrs. Hepsey S. H.	Angell, corner Governor st.
Wells, Elisha C.	34 John street.
Wells, Mrs. Harriet A.	34 John street.
Wells, Mary E.	34 John street.
Whipple, Emeline B.	146 Benefit street.

Whittemore, Mrs. Anstress, (W.)	Thayer, corner John street.
Whittemore, Maria C.	Thayer, corner John street.
Wilcox, Candace G.	30 Benevolent street.
Wilcox, Juliet L.	30 Benevolent street.
Wilcox, Everett P.	30 Benevolent street.
Wilson, Walter	29 Arnold street.
Wilson, Mrs. Elizabeth C.	29 Arnold street.
Young, Mrs. Frances H.	252 North Main street.

RECAPITULATION.

ORIGINAL MEMBERS,.....	111	
RECEIVED BY BAPTISM,.....	6	
RECEIVED BY LETTER,.....	34	
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DISMISSED,.....	5	
EXCLUDED,.....	2	
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Present Total, (Jan. 1837.).		<hr/> 144

THE CROSS OF CHRIST.

GOD FORBID THAT I SHOULD GLORY, SAVE IN THE CROSS OF
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, BY WHOM THE WORLD IS CRUCIFIED
UNTO ME, AND I UNTO THE WORLD.—*Paul.—Epist. Gal. vi. 14.*

In the cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me;
Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds new lustre to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.

In the cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

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